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Applicants : Raymond L. Houghton et al.
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AND MONITORING OF BREAST CANCER

Examiner : Cynthia B. Wilder, Ph.D.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2005, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on August 27, 2005 (Saturday). Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 37-46, drawn to compositions, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, for examination at this time. Additionally, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NOs: 7 and 75 as the first and second polynucleotides (related to claims 39 and 43). Applicants also elect SEQ ID NOs: 58 and 55 for the first and second oligonucleotides (see claim 40). Applicants further elect SEQ ID NOs: 56 and 57 as the first oligonucleotide pair and SEQ ID NOs: 53 and 54 as the second oligonucleotide pair (related to claims 41 and 44).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.